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FOR JOHN TODD STEWART

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SUBJECT: LND-USERS AND FIELD OBSERVATION REPORTS

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1. FOLLOWING IS REPORT ON STEWART. TEXT IS SAME AS THAT
OF REPORT WHICH WAS POUCHED TO MOSCOW JUNE 29, 1976.
QUOTE NAME OF OFFICER BEING RATED JOHN TODD STEWART,
CLASS FSO-4, FUNCTIONAL TITLE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER,
POST MOSCOW, PERIOD COVERED MAY 15, 1975 TO MAY 15, 1976.
PART A END-USER COMMENTS ON FIELD REPORTING. MR. STEWART'S
REPORTING ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO THE
BUREAU OF EAST-WEST TRADE HAS CONTINUED TO BE OF VERY HIGH
CALIBRE OVER THE PAST YEAR. IN THE AREA OF OUR TRADE
PROMOTION PROGRAM IN THE USSR, HE HAS WORKED ASSIDUOUSLY
WITH SOVIET MINISTRIES TO DEVELOP THEMES FOR MINI-EXHIBITS
AND SEMINARS AT THE U.S. COMMERCIAL OFFICE AND TO RESOLVE
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OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS BEFORE THE EVENT TAKES PLACE; THESE

DEVELOPMENTS ARE REPORTED TO US MOST PROMPTLY AND COMPLETELY. SPECIAL COMMENDATION SHOULD BE GIVEN FOR THE EXCELLENT ASSISTANCE MR. STEWART PROVIDED A GROUP OF

COMPANIES FROM WASHINGTON STATE WHILE THEY WERE PREPARING FOR AND CONDUCTING A TRADE MISSION IN Khabarovsk, AND FOR HIS REPORTING ON THE MISSION ITSELF AND ON ASPECTS OF LIFE IN THAT SOVIET CITY. MR. STEWART PROVIDES US WITH EXTREMELY USEFUL INFORMATION ON SOVIET EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH THERE IS NO COMMERCE PARTICIPATION (SUCH AS COAL '75). THIS INFORMATION IS PUBLISHED IN COMMERCE AMERICA AND TRANSMITTED TO INTERESTED FIRMS BY BUREAU OFFICERS. HE ALSO HAS DONE A FINE JOB IN FACILITATING THE TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES OF OFFICIAL SOVIET COMMERCIAL DELEGATIONS BY MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACTS WITH APPROPRIATE USSR ORGANIZATIONS AND BY NOTIFYING THE BUREAU AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE OF THEIR PROPOSED ITINERARIES AND LAST-MINUTE SCHEDULE CHANGES. FINALLY, MR. STEWART'S ENERGETIC EFFORTS AND REPORTING DURING THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE JOINT SEMINAR ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF U.S.-USSR TRADE WERE ESSENTIAL TO ITS SUCCESS AND RECEIVED PRAISE FROM ALL THOSE IN THE U.S. DELEGATION.

2. SIGNATURE OF PREPARING OFFICER, WILLIAM P. THORN, JR., INTERNATIONAL TRADE SPECIALIST, GS-11, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. OTHER APPROVALS FLOYD A. RIGGS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, USSR AFFAIRS DIVISION, FSO-4, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

3. PART B FIELD OBSERVATION OF PERFORMANCE. DATE OF OBSERVATION DECEMBER 17 TO 19, 1975, PLACE OF OBSERVATION MOSCOW, OCCASION FOR OBSERVATION JOINT SEMINAR ON ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF U.S.-USSR TRADE. MR. STEWART, AS THE CONTROL OFFICER FOR THIS SOVIET-AMERICAN INFORMATION EXCHANGE SEMINAR, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE LOGISTICS OF THE EVENT AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETINGS THEMSELVES; HE ALSO ASSISTED IN HOSTING AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION IN THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE. IN ALL THESE AREAS HE DEMONSTRATED THAT HE IS AN EXTREMELY UNCLASSIFIED

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CAPABLE AND EFFICIENT MANAGER. IN LARGE PART DUE TO HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS, THE SEMINAR TOOK PLACE WITH NO OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS WHATEVER.

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